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# Gamma Sigma Delta

## NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

August 1989

### **IMPORTANT!!**

Gamma Sigma Delta nomination information and election ballot for treasurer included with this mailing. See attachments.

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF TREASURER**

See enclosed materials for nominating graduate students, faculty, and alumni for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. Nominations are due to Ackland Jones by September 8.

Selection criteria and nomination formats are enclosed for nominating members for the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit, Extension Award, Teaching Award, and Research Award. These nominations are due to the respective committee chairpersons by September 15.

Please complete and return the enclosed ballot for election of Chapter Treasurer. Your ballot is due to Glenn Froning by September 15.

*Jack L. Schinstock*  
*Secretary, Nebraska Chapter*

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I first want to thank the Scholarship and Scholarship Recognition Committees for all their work in putting together this year's annual dinner. We have had many positive comments about the students who were honored,

and we were pleased with the excellent turnout for this very important event. In addition to the social implications of meeting together as an honor society, perhaps the most important things that we do are to recognize those of outstanding scholarship.

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end, and within a few days students and faculty will all be back on campus. Associated with fall are the annual call for nominations for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta and preparation for the special awards. You will be receiving this information in the very near future. Also, please plan now to attend the annual business meeting scheduled for September 22 at 3:00 in the Nebraska East Union. This is an important meeting for all members, and committee chairs should be prepared to present their reports to the general membership.

I also want to thank Dr. Earl Ellington, Vice-President, for his efforts in putting together the newsletter. Earl's work in this regard is very much appreciated.

The Executive Committee for the Nebraska Chapter has been very active, and you can expect a busy fall season in working with the Society. The Annual Initiation and Awards Banquet has been rescheduled for November 12, 1989; please plan accordingly.

I want to thank once again all those who have worked on committees, and the full membership of Gamma Sigma Delta, for your interest and support of the Society. I will look forward to visiting with you at our fall functions.

*Roger E. Gold*  
*President, Nebraska Chapter*

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## VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

These are exciting times for IANR. The University received its largest state appropriated budget increase in over a decade and we continue to reach new levels of academic excellence in several areas. Steady progress is being made toward developing the action plans for the IANR Strategic Plan. Most administrative units have finalized their plans that target the areas for future emphasis. The Institute's overall action plans will be unveiled at the IANR Open House on October 27, 1989. IANR's "Directions for the Future" is gradually moving into sharper focus—thanks to the innovative leadership and dedication demonstrated by staff throughout IANR.

Many new faces have joined the IANR personnel ranks within the past 18 months since I assumed my present responsibilities. These include a new Associate Vice Chancellor; new Deans for Agricultural Research and the College of Agriculture; new Department Heads for Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Education, Agricultural Engineering, Agronomy, Biochemistry, Biometry, and Human Nutrition & Food Service Management; and new Directors for the Biotechnology Center, the Water Center, and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. In addition, we have hired 57 new faculty since January of 1988. We are proud of the quality of our staff and are pleased that they have joined us to ensure the responsibilities for carrying out the action plan goals set forth in the Strategic Plan become a reality.

Since the objectives of Gamma Sigma Delta are central to IANR's being recognized as having one of the top agricultural programs in the nation, I am anxious for these new faculty to become actively involved in the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. Together, we can achieve new horizons to better serve the agricultural and natural resource needs of Nebraska and the nation. The IANR has a bright future and I am honored to be a part of this dynamic organization.

*Irv Omtvedt*  
*Vice Chancellor for*  
*Agriculture and Natural Resources*

## FROM THE INTERNATIONAL...

Gamma Sigma Delta International has completed another very successful year. One of the most important accomplishments has been developing the groundwork to establish a chapter at Escuela Agricola Panamerica (EAP) in Honduras. Several of the International Officers will travel there in October to install our 47th chapter. We are pleased to be able to establish another international chapter. If there are any other institutions outside the U.S. where you think a chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta would be appropriate, please let me know. The school at EAP is very excited to join Gamma Sigma Delta International.

This was not the year for the conclave but the Executive Committee met at Auburn, Alabama in June. Several other chapters were invited in for an officers training workshop. This proved helpful to the chapters that could attend. The next conclave will be in June of 1990 at Iowa State. Since the location is close, it would be a good time for a number of people from the Nebraska Chapter to attend the conclave. A total 2,446 new members were initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta in 1988-89. This is 60 more than were initiated last year. Even though enrollment is declining in many institutions, the number of Gamma Sigma Delta initiates has remained fairly constant. The Society continues to be financially solid.

Louisiana State was selected as the outstanding chapter, and Ohio State and Maryland were listed as honorable mention. A new award initiated this year was the New Activity Award and it was won by Ohio State for work it did in acquainting high school students with the agricultural sciences. Maybe we in the Nebraska Chapter should consider broadening our activity and increasing our service to agriculture. As I look at chapters across the nation, the Nebraska Chapter can be characterized as a solid healthy chapter. We need to keep actively involved in the chapter so we can continue our important mission of recognizing excellence in agriculture and consider additional worthwhile activities. Have a good year.

*Lowell E. Moser*  
*Immediate Past International President*

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## IANR OPEN HOUSE TO HIGHLIGHT "NEW DIRECTIONS"

"New Directions" will be the theme of an IANR Open House October 27, 1989 at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. There will be displays in the East Union from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and campus tours starting at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. October 27. Special programs will be held in the afternoon for prospective students in agriculture and home economics and their parents in conjunctions with UNL Red Letter Days. Members of the general public, alumni, and friends are welcome to attend the open house to find out more about the "New Directions" of IANR.

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For Additional Information, Program Write:

Richard L. Fleming  
Chair, Communications  
IANR Open House  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68583-0918

## OUR SECOND NEWSLETTER!

The current newsletter marks the second issue for the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta. It is the hope of the Gamma Sigma Delta Officers that the membership will find it to be useful. We would appreciate comments and suggestions that you may have regarding the newsletter project. Please provide the vice president with any information that you wish shared with the membership via future newsletters.

We ask members to respond to the enclosed requests regarding membership nominations, award recipient selection, and election of treasurer. If you have not done so, please send your \$5.00 membership dues to our historian, Dr. Charles Adams.

*Earl F. Ellington  
Vice President, Nebraska Chapter*

## AWARD RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED AT THE MARCH 12, 1989 SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER

### OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE:

Maureen E. Freeman  
Agricultural Honors / Agricultural Economics major  
From North Bend, Nebraska

### OUTSTANDING SENIORS:

Nathan A. Geisert  
Agricultural Honors major with Agribusiness Emphasis  
From Ogallala, Nebraska

Janelle R. Howe  
Food Science and Technology major with Science option  
From Lincoln, Nebraska

### SENIOR ALUMNI AWARD:

Bradley D. Wilkins  
Ag Honors Major  
From Ainsworth, Nebraska

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## GAMMA SIGMA DELTA OFFICERS

*President:* Dr. Roger E. Gold  
Director  
Water Center and  
Environmental Programs

*Vice-President:* Dr. Earl F. Ellington  
Associate Dean  
College of Agriculture

*Secretary:* Dr. Jack L. Schinstock  
Associate Professor  
Agricultural Engineering

*Treasurer:* Dr. William L. Miller  
Director  
Mid-America Agricultural  
Consortium

*Historian:* Dr. Charles H. Adams  
Professor (Emeritus)  
Animal Science

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## **REMAINING 1989 ACTIVITIES**

### **GAMMA SIGMA DELTA**

<i>Executive Meeting</i>	August 23, 11:45 a.m., Nebraska East Union
<i>Annual Business Meeting*</i>	September 22, 3:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union
<i>Executive Meeting</i>	October 25, 11:45 a.m., Nebraska East Union
<i>Initiation &amp; Award Banquet*</i>	<i>November 12**</i> , 6:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union

\*More detailed information will be provided at a later date.

\*\*Date changed for the November 19 date listed in the February Newsletter.